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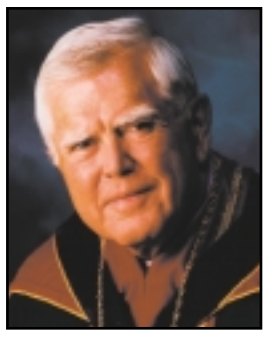

Dr. Thompson

On behalf of the Board of Regents and all the Fellows, it is my honor to welcome you to Chicago for the 86th Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. I want to thank all Fellows for the honor of serving as President at this new millennium.

The Clinical Congress is the world's largest educational meeting for surgeons in all specialties. Total attendance, including other health care professionals, scientific and industrial exhibitors, members of the press, and invited guests, is expected to exceed 17,000.

Under the direction of David L. Nahrwold, MD, FACS, Chair, and David N. Herndon, MD, FACS, Vice-Chair, the College's Program Committee has planned another outstanding and timely program. Activities formally begin at 8:30 on Monday morning. Barry T. Jackson, MS, PRCS, FRCP, will deliver the Opening Ceremony Lecture. Immediately following the opening ceremonies, the full program of general and specialty sessions will commence.

The annual nine named lectures will be presented by a distinguished group of speakers from around the world. Educational highlights of the meeting include 33 postgraduate courses, as well as sessions on infection control in the OR, health care on the Internet, palliative care by surgeons, and new approaches to common vascular emergencies.

The week's meetings and activities will culminate with the awarding of Fellowship in the College to 1,637 Initiates during the Convocation ceremonies on Thursday evening in the International Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago.

The Clinical Congress is the hallmark annual event of this organization. The meeting is a testament to the dedication, organizational ability, foresight, and cooperation of the College staff, committees, and attendees.

I want personally to thank all the individuals who contribute to this meeting and to extend to each person attending my best wishes for an exciting and productive meeting.

Dr. Thompson is the Ashbel Smith Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, and the 80th President of the American College of Surgeons.

Barry Jackson to deliver Opening Ceremony Lecture

At 8:30 am Monday, during the Opening Ceremony for the 2000 Clinical Congress, Barry T. Jackson, MS, PRCS, FRCP, will deliver a lecture on The Royal College of Surgeons of England–200 Years Young. The ceremony will take place in McCormick Place South, Room S100.

In addition to serving as the president of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. Jackson is the Serjeant-Surgeon to The Queen. He also is a consultant surgeon at St. Thomas Hospital and King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, as well as an honorary consultant in surgery to the English Army and a member of the General Medical Council.

Mr. Jackson became intrigued by the practice of surgery while working for a manufacturer of surgical instruments. Seizing upon this interest, he received his medical education and surgical training at Westminster Medical School and graduated from King's College, London. As an undergraduate, he was honored with a number of academic distinctions, including the Sturge's Prize in Medicine, the Chadwick Prize in Clinical Surgery, and the Arthur Evans Prize in Surgery. In the past, he has served as a consultant surgeon at Queen Victoria Hospital, President of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, and Surgeon to Her Majesty's Royal Household.

Mr. Jackson has written numerous articles on British medical institutions and the evolution of surgery, in addition to authoring a plethora of clinical papers. Further, he is an internationally recognized speaker.

The organization that Mr. Jackson will discuss, the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) of England, is similar in some respects to the American College of Surgeons. Like the College, the RCS seeks to promote and encourage the study and practice of the art and science of surgery. Among its goals are improved surgical training and enhanced surgical care. It attempts to achieve these aims by offering continuing education courses and meetings for practicing surgeons, providing financial assistance to surgeons engaged in research, and maintaining standards for training and testing surgeons. The RCS also runs four museums, which house, among other exhibits, 3,500 specimens from the collection of John Hunter, an 18th century surgeon and anatomist.

Mr. Jackson

One of the primary issues of concern to the Royal College of Surgeons of England at this time is a workforce shortage within the National Health Service. As president of the RCS, Mr. Jackson has stated that the number of surgeons in training is being reduced, and there are signs that there will be too few consultant posts for those physicians who are currently in training.

Informatics Committee

How will the Internet affect surgery in the new millennium?

The Regents' Committee on Informatics will sponsor a session on Tuesday, October 24, to consider health care on the Internet in the new millennium. The general session will take place from 8:30 to 11:00 am in McCormick Place South, Room S501. M. Michael Shabot, MD, FACS, a member of the committee, will serve as moderator.

Presentations will anticipate the role of a high-speed worldwide information network in the practice of surgery in the new millennium. Technology-based advances in remote consultations, surgical procedures, clinical care, and surgical education will be highlighted. Use of the Internet as a virtual private network, connecting physicians, hospitals, payors, and regulatory agencies will be discussed.

Topics and presenters will be as follows: Practicing Medicine on the Net: A Look to the Future in Internet Time, by Charles E. Saunders, MD; Virtual Reality Surgery: The Future has Arrived, by Jonathan C. Silverstein, MD, FACS; Transcontinental Laparoscopic Telementoring: Training Tool of the Future, by Lt. Col. John J. Bauer, MD; and Medical Education in the 21st Century: How the Internet Changes Everything, by Jeffrey S. Levy, MD.

As a matter of courtesy . . .

to the faculty and audience at the sessions of the annual Clinical Congress, attendees at all sessions are kindly requested:

(1) To silence beepers and cell phones.

(2) To refrain from using flash photography during the session.

Your cooperation is gratefully appreciated.

Cancer activities planned this week

The Commission on Cancer (COC) will sponsor a series of cancer-related presentations this week, including a named lecture, symposium, and postgraduate course.

The Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture will take place Wednesday, October 25, from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm, in McCormick Place South, Room S100bc. Blake Cady, MD, FACS, will present Fundamentals of Contemporary Surgical Oncology: Biological Principles Govern Treatment Outcomes. Dr. Cady is director of the Breast Health Center, Woman & Infant's Hospital, and professor of surgery, Brown University, Providence, RI.

The symposium, Controversies in the Management of Colorectal Cancers (GS28), will be held Wednesday, October 25, from 8:00-10:30 am, in McCormick Place South, Room S501. The symposium will provide current information on demographics and practice patterns from the National Cancer Data Base. Speakers will emphasize changes in patient management, surgical treatment of colorectal cancer, and the identification, screening, and management of high-risk individuals, including patients with polyps and families with inherited colorectal syndromes.

Moderators Elin R. Sigurdson, MD, FACS, and Jose G. Guillem, MD, FACS, will lead the presentation through discussions on NCDB Colorectal Data (J.M. Jessup, MD, FACS), Screening and the World Health Organization Polyp Study (Sidney J. Winawer, MD), Hereditary Colorectal Cancer: Identification and Treatment Options (James M. Church, MD, FACS), Surgical Management: Role of Laparoscopy in Colorectal Cancer (Heidi Nelson, MD, FACS), Surgical Management: Role of Local Excision in Rectal Cancer (Glenn D. Steele, Jr., MD, FACS), and Surgical Management: Role of Total Mesorectal Excision (Alfred M. Cohen, MD, FACS). A general panel discussion will follow.

PG #10: Cancer Surgery for the General Surgeon, will take place Monday, October 23, through Wednesday, October 25, from 1:30-5:00 pm in McCormick Place South, Room S105bcd.

Raphael E. Pollock, MD, FACS, and David P. Winchester, MD, FACS, will serve as co-chairs for the course, which features a series of 20-minute talks followed by discussion. The course objective is to provide an update on controversies in the management of common and unusual malignancies encountered in the practice of general surgery. The presentation schedule is as follows:

Day One: Surgical Approaches to Nonpalpable Breast Tumors (Kambiz Dowlatshahi, MD, FACS), Current Status of Sentinel Lymph Node Dissection in Breast Cancer (Armando Giuliano, MD, FACS), Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Approaches (Lisa A. Newman, MD, FACS), DCIS (Rosemary B. Duda, MD, FACS), The Surgeon's Role in Locally Advanced Breast Carcinoma (David R. Byrd, MD, FACS), Cost-Effective Follow-up (Stephen B. Edge, MD, FACS), Current Status of Chemo Prevention and Hormonal Prevention (Michael J. Edwards, MD, FACS), Mastectomy: Which Patient Still Needs the "Total" Procedure? (Michele A. Gadd, MD, FACS).

Day Two: Liver Resection vs. Ablation (M. Margaret Kemeny, MD, FACS), Resection, Stenting, or Bypass: Controversies in the Palliative Management of Pancreatic Cancer (Theodore N. Pappas, MD, FACS), Current Perspectives in Gastric Cancer (Martin S. Karpeh, Jr., MD, FACS), Laparoscopic Staging Strategies (Kevin C. Conlon, MD, FACS), Neoplasms of the Appendix (William B. Farrar, MD, FACS), Sphincter Preservation in Rectal Cancer: When to Do It? (John M. Skibber, MD, FACS), Pelvic Compli-cations in Rectal Surgery (Victor W. Fazio, MD, FACS), Carcinoma of the Anus (Ira J. Kodner, MD, FACS).

Day Three: Lessons Learned from Melanoma Trials (Merrick I. Ross, MD, FACS), Regional Therapy of Cancer (Douglas L. Fraker, MD, FACS), Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy for Melanoma (Kelly McMasters, MD, FACS), Surgical Approaches to Resectable Sarcoma (Samuel Singer, MD, FACS), Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma, Adrenal Incidentalomas, and Laparoscopic Adrenalectomy (Jeffrey E. Lee, MD, FACS), Unanticipated Ovarian Carcinoma Found at the Time of Exploratory Laparotomy (David M. Gerhenson, MD, FACS), Clinical Significance of Genetic Testing and Malignancy (Judy E. Garber, MD), Differentiated Thyroid Carcinoma (Douglas B. Evans, MD, FACS).

Tickets for PG #10 may be obtained in the on-site registration area of McCormick Place South while quantities last.

Further information regarding these COC activities may be obtained by contacting Mary Ann Marts at 312/202-5442 in the Cancer Department at ACS headquarters.

COC annual meeting to focus on quality of care

Issues related to the quality of cancer care will be the focus of this year's Commission on Cancer (COC) annual meeting. Congress attendees are welcome to attend this open meeting at 3:00 pm, Sunday, October 22, in the Continental B Room of the Hilton Chicago and Towers Hotel.

The VA National Surgical Quality Improvement Program will be the topic of discussion by Peter Fabri, MD, FACS, professor of surgery and associate dean for clinical affairs and chief of surgery at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center in Tampa, FL. Susan DesHarnais, PhD, National Cancer Data Base scientific director, will discuss Improving Data to Assess Quality Outcomes.

Registration locations and hours

If you have received your credentials for the Clinical Congress, to verify your attendance simply turn in your verification card at the advance registration desk to receive a badge holder and Clinical Congress Program Book. The registration area in McCormick Place South will be open Sunday, October 22, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday, October 23, through Wednesday, October 25, from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Thursday, October 26, from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. As a convenience, advance registration will be open Sunday only from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Hilton Chicago and Towers.

If you received a badge or Postgraduate Course ticket in the mail, you may redeem your verification card for a badge holder, Program Book, and PG manual at these locations.

CME credit

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The American College of Surgeons designates that this continuing medical education offering also meets the criteria for hour-to-hour credit in Category 1 as outlined by the American Medical Association for the Physicians' Recognition Award.

To record your attendance for continuing medical education and recertification requirements, use the card that is bound into the back of the official Clinical Congress Program Book. Extra copies of these cards may be obtained at the Message and Information Centers in McCormick Place South. These cards are for your personal record and in most circumstances do not need to be validated.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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College properties may be viewed this week

Tours of the College's headquarters and its historical properties–the Murphy Memorial Auditorium and the Nickerson Mansion–have been arranged for Fellows attending the 2000 Clinical Congress.

The College will be conducting formal tours of the Nickerson Mansion and the Murphy Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, October 24, and Wednesday, October 25, between 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Small groups of 10 or less are welcome to visit the Nickerson Mansion–located at 40 E. Erie St.–without tour guides between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm daily.

College staff will also direct tours of the ACS headquarters building at 633 N. Saint Clair St. The 45-minute tours will be conducted hourly from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday, October 23, through Thursday, October 26.

Preregistration is required for the headquarters tours and the formal tours of the Nickerson Mansion and Murphy Auditorium. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Help Desk at both the Hilton Chicago and Towers Hotel and the McCormick Place Convention Hall. If you are interested in participating in one of these tours, please complete the tour registration form and indicate your preferred date and time for the tour of your choice.

All tours will commence at the headquarters building. Visitors to the Nickerson and Murphy properties will walk three blocks to their destination. Please note that coats, umbrellas, and large bags must be checked upon entering the Nickerson Mansion, and photography of any kind is not permitted.

Transportation to College headquarters from McCormick Place will be provided by the Green Bus Line (Route 4). The bus will unload at the Wyndham Hotel, which adjoins the College.

Each of the College properties is unique in history and design. The following describes what tour participants are likely to see and learn about both aspects of the structures.

Nickerson Mansion

A tour of the Nickerson building takes one back to a time when Chicago's gentry lived in carefully crafted mansions rather than condominium units in 50-story skyscrapers. The mansion was built in 1880 by Samuel Mayo Nickerson, who bought the land on which the house stands with his father-in-law, Isaac Crosby, in 1863 for the sum of $5,266.67. Mr. Nickerson settled in Chicago in 1858 at age 28. He accumulated his wealth through the distilling business–the provision of alcohol for use in munitions–and, later, the banking industry.

The mansion that Mr. Nickerson built reflected his wealth and fit in neatly with the surrounding homes. He hired Chicago architect Edward Burling to design the mansion's shell and A. Fiedler of New York City to customize the interior. The total cost of the home was $450,000 without furnishings.

The three-story building's facade is crafted from limestone and sandstone. The inside walls are wood and brick, and the floors are parquet.[1] But it is the imposing interior staircase made of white Italian marble and alabaster and an onyx and marble front hallway that stirred its early visitors to dub the Nickerson Mansion the "Marble Palace." The stairs lead up to a second floor, which has an opening enclosed by a marble and alabaster railing.[2]

A perhaps more subtle yet equally aesthetically pleasing feature of the mansion is its interior woodwork. For instance, on the first floor, the drawing room is constructed of prima vera wood from South America, and the game room houses built-in bookcases finished in dark mahogany. Indeed, one of the most interesting rooms in the mansion is the game room, which features Tiffany and Tiffany-style lamps, along with a fireplace and leaded-glass mantelpiece. Several of these flourishes were not in the original mansion but added when the Nickersons moved to New York in 1900 and sold it to Lucius G. Fisher, president of the Union Bag and Paper Company and a real estate mogul.[1]

In 1919, the College purchased the property to serve as its headquarters with funds provided by Chicago Fellows and other citizens and used the Nickerson Mansion as its headquarters until 1963. Little remodeling was necessary to make the house usable as an office until 1952, when some bathrooms were converted to offices and substantial work was done to renovate deteriorating walls and ceilings.

Although a growing College staff moved out of the house and across the street to a new building at 55 E. Erie Street in 1963, the College has retained ownership of this historic landmark and has continued to use it for meetings and receptions. Since 1991, the College has rented the building to R.H. Love Galleries. Before the art gallery moved in, there was substantial renovation of the flooring and redecoration to restore the building to its earlier condition.[1]

The Murphy Auditorium

One reason the College chose the Nickerson Mansion as its original headquarters was that it adjoined a large piece of property, which a group of Fellows determined could be used as the site for a memorial building dedicated to the renowned surgeon, John B. Murphy, MD, FACS.[2] Funded through donations and bequests architectural plans for the building were developed and approved in 1922. Ground was broken in 1923, and the building was completed in 1926.[1]

The memorial building is designed in the French Renaissance style, modeled very closely on the Chapelle de Notre-Dame de Consolation in Paris, France. A central door at street level is enclosed by curved staircases that lead to a central porch one flight up. Atop the stairs, at the main entrance, are two very large bronze doors, each broken into sculpted panels, six of which portray important figures in medical history: Aesculapius, Pasteur, Osler, Lister, McDowell, and Gorgas.

The main floor of the interior also bears considerable similarity to the French church. The main floor of the building houses a three-story, domed auditorium with seating capacity for 650. A dominant feature in the auditorium is a tall, multicolored, stained-glass window depicting the College's seal over a central stage. Extending across the stage is a row of 13 elaborately carved wooden seats. The auditorium was intended for use during Convocation at the annual Clinical Congress, but proved too small for the event.[1] It subsequently was used for smaller College meetings, such as the Meeting of Young Surgeon Representatives and the Chapter Officers' Seminar.

Beneath the auditorium, on the ground floor, are meeting rooms and a kitchen. The floor above the auditorium was the site of the original ACS library before it was moved into the headquarters building. Thereafter, this space was used as a book repository. In 1987, however, the College staff had grown too large for its headquarters building, and the Cancer Department, the Information Services Department, and the Advanced Trauma Life Support division of the Trauma Department were relocated to offices that were housed in the Murphy building's third-floor space.[2]

College headquarters

As indicated previously, the College's staff has expanded considerably over the years in order to meet the changing needs of the Fellows. As staff numbers burgeoned, various departments spread out among the College's properties, including one not discussed in this article. As part of an effort to consolidate all of the College's functions and staff, the Regents, in October 1995, agreed to purchase a 28-story building at 633 North Saint Clair Street, about two blocks east of the 55 East Erie headquarters. The College bought the building, which was completed in 1991, at a very favorable price. Negotiations between the College's Comptroller's office and the banks that owned the building continued for some time, and on March 5, 1996, the closing was completed.[3]

The College occupies the top five floors of the building. The first 17 floors of the 388-foot tall building are occupied by a Wyndham Hotel, which opened in 1999. An advertising agency rents floors 18 to 23.

The building's exterior walls are of rare Patricia Green granite quarried near Larvas, Brazil, and the exterior midpoint

ACS Headquarters

Nickerson Mansion (left) and Murphy Auditorium

intersections on every fourth floor are of Gray Serizzo Antigorio granite from the Swiss Alps. The facade is composed of blue-green and silver glass with a frit, or partially fused, material patterned into it. Because of the differing types of glass and the fritting, the building appears to change colors as the sunlight strikes it from different angles.[4]

While the outside of the building is intriguing, the highlight of any tour of the College headquarters is the Board of Regents' Room, located on the south end of the 28th floor. Recessed lights, glass, stainless steel, and chandeliers suspended from an elliptical ceiling contribute to the room's postmodern feel. One of only a handful in the world, the ceiling is constructed of painted aluminum supports and stainless steel mesh panels that weigh slightly over two pounds per square foot. The aluminum rafters were made in Louisiana and the mesh was imported from Germany. The ceiling was constructed in Louisiana, dismantled, and shipped to Chicago to be connected the roof on the south end of the building. The roof, meanwhile, was raised nearly 17 feet from its original position to allow for the installation of the ceiling.[5]

The room contains state-of-the-art audiovisual components, including built-in microphones and multimedia connections that can accommodate laptop computers, fax machines, and other electronic communication devices. For enhanced acoustics, a fiberglass mat material was added above the ceiling to eliminate reverberations and feedback.

Each floor in the building measures 20,000 square feet of office space. Construction of the College's offices and reconstruction of the Board of Regents' Room required more than 90,000 tons of steel. A total of 1,200 square feet of granite was used on the College work space, and 2,000 square feet of hardwood flooring was used.[4]

Be sure to take advantage of this special opportunity to get a first-hand look at these unique College properties.

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Named lectures during the 86th Clinical Congress

M. Judah Folkman, MD, FACS

American Urological Association Lecture

Sponsored by the AUA since 1967, featuring diverse topics in surgery.

Monday, 9:15-10:15 am
McCormick Place South, Room S100

"Angiogenesis Research: From Laboratory to Clinic"

Charles E. Lucas, MD, FACS

Scudder Oration on Trauma

Evolved from the Oration on Fractures (1929) to honor Charles Locke Scudder as a founding member of the College and major contributor to the surgery of trauma.

Tuesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
McCormick Place South, S100bc

"The Water of Life: A Century of Confusion"

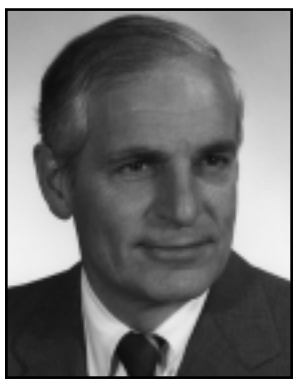
John A. Mannick, MD, FACS

I.S. Ravdin Lecture in the Basic Sciences

Sponsored by the I.S. Ravdin Surgical Society since 1964 to honor I.S. Ravdin, MD, FACS, by promoting the application of basic sciences to surgery.

Wednesday, 1:30-2:15 pm
McCormick Place South, Room S100bc

"The Immunologic Response to Injury–A Maelstrom of Mediators"



John A. Waldhausen, MD, FACS

John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture

First delivered in 1979 to honor this pioneer in open-heart surgery.

Monday, 11:00 am-12:00 noon
McCormick Place South, Room S100

"Leadership in Medicine"

Albert R. Jonsen, PhD

Ethics and Philosophy Lecture

Established in 1990 through the generosity of John J. Conley, MD, FACS, to support the exploration of ethical issues in surgery.

Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 am
McCormick Place South
Room S100bc

"The Challenge to Professionalism"

Hans-Gunter Beger, MD, FACS

Distinguished Lecture of the International Surgical Society

Established in 1990 to honor distinguished international surgeons.

Wednesday, 3:00-4:00 pm
McCormick Place South, Room S100 bc

"Pancreatic Head Resection in the New Millennium–The Changing Face of Surgical Morbidity"

Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS

Charles G. Drake History of Surgery Lecture

Sponsored by the Advisory Council for Neurological Surgery and first delivered in 1992 to explore the development of surgery.

Monday, 1:30-2:30 pm
McCormick Place South, Room S103abc

"Four Extraordinary Colonial Physicians Who Drew the Line"

Blake Cady, MD, FACS

Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture

Established in 1987 to explore major developments in oncology and to focus on the surgeon's role in patient care.

Wednesday, 11:00 am-12:15 pm
McCormick Place South, Room S100bc

"Fundamentals of Contemporary Surgical Oncology: Biological Principles Govern Treatment and Outcome"

Harold T. Shapiro, PhD

Martin Memorial Lecture

Established in 1946 to honor Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, founder of the College, and his wife, Isabelle Hollister Martin.

Thursday, 3:15-3:55 pm
McCormick Place South, Room S100

"High Anxiety: The Interface of Ethics, Biomedicine, and Public Policy"

AWS programs examine workforce issues, networking

The effects of retirement on the surgical workforce and networking with peers will be the focus of programs held by the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) during this year's Clinical Congress.

The AWS will kick off its annual fall conference on Sunday, October 22, at 9:00 am in the Hilton Chicago & Towers Hotel, Continental B Room. Marilyn Moats Kennedy, founder and managing partner of Career Strategies–a 24-year-old career consulting firm in Wilmette, IL–will speak to members and nonmembers about The Impact "Pre-Boomers and Boomers" Will Have on Surgery as They Leave and Retire from the Field. The program will look at what's likely to happen to the surgical workforce as the two oldest groups (comprising 51 percent of the total workforce) consider their retirement options. The session will examine the next five to 10 years, factoring in a possible economic downturn, to consider what contingencies health care should be planning for now.

The association's annual business meeting and luncheon will follow the morning program in the Hilton Chicago's Joliet Room. Business will include summary reports by Celeste Hollands, MD, and Carol Schermer, MD–recipients of AWS and Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. $25,000 grants–regarding their research findings.

AWS will also hold a dinner on Sunday night at The Tavern Club, on the 22nd floor of the Wrigley Building on Michigan Avenue, just north of the Chicago River. The association will recognize this year's winners of the Outstanding Woman Resident Award, Nina Starr Braunwald Award, Honorary Member Award, Distinguished Member Award, and the 2001 AWS/Ethicon Fellowship Grant.

On Wednesday, October 25, AWS will host a complimentary networking breakfast for members and nonmembers. The event will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 am at the Hilton Chicago & Towers, Boulevard B/C.

While attending the Clinical Congress, plan to stop by the AWS booth #1100 in the exhibit hall at McCormick Place. Visitors can obtain information regarding AWS programs, learn more about the profession, and network with peers.

The Association of Women Surgeons is headquartered just west of Chicago at 414 Plaza Dr., Ste. 209, Westmont, IL 60559; tel. 630/655-0392, fax 630/655-0391; e-mail aws@adminsys.com.

Dr. Russell to address Fellows Leadership Society luncheon

Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons, will address the 12th annual Fellows Leadership Society (FLS) recognition luncheon on Monday, October 23, beginning at 11:30 am in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago and Towers Hotel.

Established in 1988, the Fellows Leadership Society is the College's distinguished organization of Fellows and friends who have made significant financial gifts and pledges to support the work of the College. The current Chair of the FLS is George F. Sheldon, MD, FACS, a former President of the College.

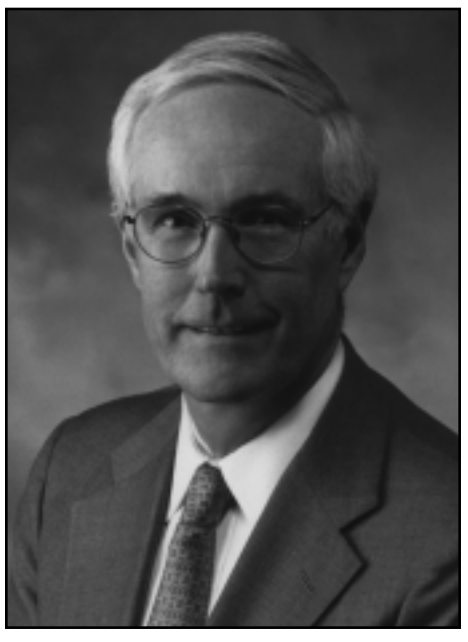
During the luncheon, Dr. Sheldon will recognize new members of the FLS and will present crystal awards to those members who have achieved Life Member status.

He will also recognize new members of the Mayne Heritage, the College's planned giving organization.

Currently, there are 485 members of the Fellows Leadership Society. Life Membership status in the FLS has been achieved by 278 Fellows and friends. Annual membership in the Fellows Leadership Society is open to Fellows and friends who contribute a minimum $1,000 within a calendar year to support the work of the College. Life Membership is awarded to Fellows who have contributed or pledged at least $10,000 or who have made a bequest or other planned gift of at least $25,000.

A traditional highlight of the FLS luncheon has been the presentation of the Distinguished Philanthropist Award, given in recognition of extraordinary philanthropic support. Previous honorees have been Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Jordan, Jr., MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Eric T. Lincke, MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Neil Clements, MD, FACS; Dr. and Mrs. Scott Woods, MD, FACS; the Islami Family and Islami Foundation; Armand Hammer, MD; John Conley, MD, FACS; the Clowes Family and Clowes Fund of Indianapolis; Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS; and Julius H. Jacobson II, MD, FACS. The 2000 nominee for the Distinguished Philanthropist Award, a Fellow of the College, has elected to remain anonymous at this time. As a result, this year's luncheon will not include formal presentation of the Distinguished Philanthropist Award.

Further information regarding the Development Program and membership in the Fellows Leadership Society is available at the ACS Resource Center, located in the registration area of McCormick Place South, or on the College's World Wide Web site at http://www.facs.org/development/fls.html.



Dr. Russell

Fraud and abuse: Hear all about it!

Are you worried about the health care-related anti-fraud and abuse initiatives being pursued by the government and private insurers? Do you want to learn more about these efforts? Would you like to know how to protect yourself?

Then, come visit with a panel of experts on Monday, October 23, for a session entitled Health Care Fraud, Abuse, Prevention, and Enforcement: Common Sense or Nightmare? Sponsored by the College's Health Policy and Advocacy Department, the program will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in McCormick Place South, Room S404. The program is intended to provide up-to-date information about the anti-fraud and abuse efforts of the federal government and other third-party payors, and advice from the panel about how surgeons and their office staff can avoid problems.

The first panelist will be David Butler, senior vice-president, Strategic Management Systems, a consulting firm specializing in developing, implementing, and measuring effective compliance programs for health care businesses. Mr. Butler has 29 years of experience working at the Health Care Financing Administration and is a partner of Richard Kusserow, the former Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The second panelist will be James E. Alexander, MD, FACS, Texas Medicare medical director for TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC. As the medical director for a Medicare carrier, Dr. Alexander will provide the perspective of a third-party payor. Dr. Alexander is a general surgeon. He is also certified by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

The third panelist will be Frank G. Opelka, MD, FACS. A practicing colon and rectal surgeon, Dr. Opelka will discuss his real-world experience as the compliance officer for the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Opelka is a member of the College's General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement Committee.

The session will be moderated by Charles D. Mabry, MD, FACS, a general surgeon from Pine Bluff, AR. Dr. Mabry is a member of the College's General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement Committee.

Dr. Mabry

Make a house call on Congress

During the first seven months of 2000, representatives of 19 College chapters traveled to Washington, DC, to meet with members of their congressional delegations as part of the College's Capitol Hill Visit Program. Since its inception in 1988, over 35 chapters have participated in the program, which is sponsored by the College's Washington Office.

The primary goal of the program is to educate members of Congress about some of the issues of concern to surgeons in their home states and districts, and to promote the College's legislative agenda. In some cases, legislators have also come to rely on chapter representatives for advice when new legislative issues arise.

If you would like more information about the Capitol Hill Visit program, stop by the Health Policy and Advocacy Department's booth in the ACS Resource Center, located in the registration area of McCormick Place South. Or, to schedule a visit for your chapter, contact Chris Gallagher at the College's Washington Office, 202/337-2701.

Practice management consultation available this week

Practice management consultations are being sponsored again this year by the College's Health Policy and Advocacy (HPA) Department. Fellows with questions concerning practice management issues, such as coding and reimbursement, group mergers, contract negotiations, and so on, are invited to visit the HPA's booth in the ACS Resource Center to make an appointment for a free consultation. The Resource Center is located in the registration area of McCormick Place South Convention Center.

Fifteen-minute appointments will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Sunday, October 22, through Wednesday, October 25. Fellows may also stop by the booth to obtain information or register for any of the College's HPA-sponsored workshops scheduled for 2000/2001.

Liability and patient safety issues to be addressed

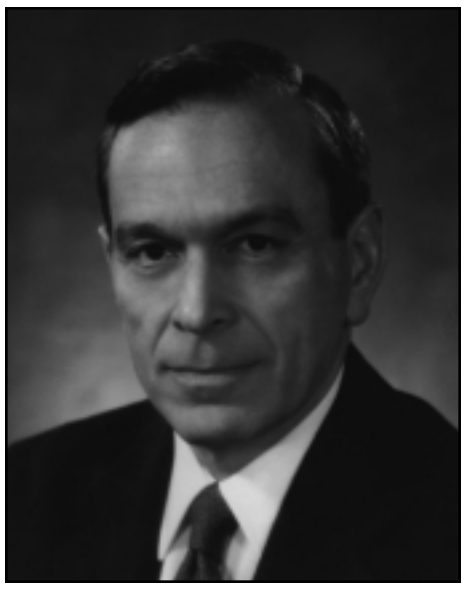
With major changes occurring in health care, it is important for physicians to become aware of new areas of physician liability brought about by business/professional arrangements being made with a wide variety of health care organizations. The ACS Regental Committee on Patient Safety and Professional Liability is sponsoring three sessions this week to address current liability issues: Postgraduate (PG) Course No. 1–Physician Liability in a Changing Health Care Environment–and two panel discussions: (1) The Surgeon and the Law, and (2) Medical Errors and Improving Patient Safety.

PG No. 1, Physician Liability in a Changing Health Care Environment, will be held on Sunday, October 22, from 1:00-5:00 pm, at McCormick Place South, Room S101a. The co-chairs for the course are Donald J. Palmisano, MD, JD, FACS, Metairie, LA, and Susan H. Adelman, MD, FACS, Detroit, MI.

The objective of this course is to review the new areas of physician liability that occur in the managed care era, including contract liability, delay of care and denial of care, as well as identification of the traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice and the importance of careful documentation in the medical record. In addition, the road map of the legal system and the perspective of plaintiff and defense attorneys will diminish anxiety about unknowns in the legal process. Methods available to deal with these risks will be discussed, including the systems approach to error prevention. Proactive advice will be given on how to avoid a lawsuit, how to proceed when one is sued, and how to protect one's mental health during this process. Upon completion, participants will have learned new areas of physician liability as well as traditional high-risk areas of surgical practice. Patient safety, risk management, and risk prevention will be emphasized. Participants will learn about the legal process, its psychological impact, depositions, and courtroom strategies.

Dr. Palmisano

Dr. Adelman



Dr. Manuel

Panel Discussion: The Surgeon and the Law, will take place on Tuesday, October 24, from 8:00-10:00 am, in McCormick Place South, Room S504. Martin B. Camins, MD, FACS, New York, NY, will serve as moderator for the panel discussion.

The panel will address "contracts" in the practice of surgery. Panelists include John Marren, Ila Rothschild, and Barry M. Manuel, MD, FACS. Dr. Manuel's presentation will deal with issues in contracting with professional liability carriers. Mr. Marren's presentation will address the topic of physician contracts with health insurance carriers and managed care, and Ms. Rothschild's presentation will cover the topic of physician contracts with hospitals and physician groups.

Panel Discussion: Medical Errors--Improving Patient Safety, will be held on Wednesday, October 25, from 1:30-3:30 pm, in McCormick Place East, Room E450b, with Dr. Manuel serving as moderator.

To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System–the report of the Institute of Medicine (IOM)–has caused a good deal of concern as to the potential, harmful effects of human error in the practice of medicine. Panelists will address: (1) the epidemiology and legal issues of medical errors; (2) the forces favoring social, political, and financial change, and (3) suggestions and examples from the successful initiatives of a large health care system. Panelists include James Bagian, MD, Troyen Brennan, MD, MPH, Martin Hatlie, JD, and Kenneth Kizer, MD, MPH. Dr. Bagian's presentation will address Patient Safety in the Veteran's Administration Health System. Dr. Brennan will address the Epidemiology and Legal Issues of Medical Errors. Mr. Hatlie will discuss Patient Safety and the Forces for Change. Dr. Kizer will address Patient Safety from the Perspective of the National Quality Forum.

You can participate in oncology trials through ACOSOG

The American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG) is funded by the National Cancer Institute to perform prospective randomized trials evaluating the surgical management of patients with malignant solid tumors. The data from the trials will be important in establishing "best practices" for cancer patients. You can become a member of ACOSOG and participate in the development of the future standards of care for patients with malignant tumors.

Visit the ACOSOG booth in the ACS Resource Center, located in the registration area of McCormick Place South, for more information.

Eligibility requirements follow:

• **Surgeons** who possess any of the following qualifications:
(a) Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, (b) member of the American College of Surgeons Candidate Group, (c) board certified in their surgical specialty or hold equivalent certification in a foreign country, or (d) not yet board certified but planning to achieve certification and are within five years of completing an accredited specialty residency or fellowship.

• **Physicians and nonclinical scientists** in nonsurgical specialties may apply independently or through their relationship with an ACOSOG surgeon.

• **Allied health professionals** and **patient advocates** may apply with sponsorship of an ACOSOG physician member.

To participate in ACOSOG studies, surgeons must meet minimum technology requirements.

Active ACOSOG clinical trials

Breast Oncology

Z0010: A prognostic study of sentinel node and bone marrow micrometastases in women with clinical T1 or T2 N0 M0 breast cancer.

Z0011: A randomized trial of axillary node dissection in women with clinical T1 or T2 N0 M0 breast cancer who have a positive sentinel node.

Genitourinary Oncology (Intergroup study)

EORTC 30904: A prospective randomized phase III study comparing radical surgery to elective kidney sparing surgery for patients with low-grade renal cell carcinoma.

Melanoma

Z0020: Randomized phase III trial of hyperthermic isolated limb perfusion and melphalan, with or without tumor necrosis factor, in the patient with localized, advanced, extremity melanoma.

Thoracic Oncology

Z0030: Randomized trial of mediastinal lymph node sampling versus complete lymphadenectomy during pulmonary resection in the patient with N0 or N1 (less than hilar) non-small cell carcinoma.

Z0040: A prospective study of the prognostic significance of occult metastases in the patient with resectable non-small cell lung carcinoma.

Z0050: A study of the utility of positron emission tomography (PET) in the staging of patients with potentially operable non-small cell lung carcinoma.

Z0060: The utility of positron emission tomography (PET) in the staging of patients with potentially operable carcinoma of the thoracic esophagus.

ACS and Healtheon/WebMD expand access to Scientific American Surgery

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is pleased to announce that Scientific American® Surgery--the progressive and continually updated surgical reference tool produced under the aegis of the ACS–will now be accessible online–at www.webmd.com–as a result of a strategic alliance the College has established with Healtheon/WebMD, the leading end-to-end Internet company connecting physicians, patients, and the entire health care industry.

As part of the agreement, Healtheon/WebMD will offer underwritten subscriptions to WebMD Practice to all Fellows of the ACS and surgical resident candidates and associates.

"The American College of Surgeons is delighted to have formed this relationship with Healtheon/WebMD because our goal is to provide credible clinical information to surgeons," said ACS Executive Director Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS. "This agreement will help us leverage Healtheon/WebMD's professional portal to provide important clinical information to all our Fellows in general surgery and the surgical subspecialties," Dr. Russell said.

Scientific American Surgery will join Scientific American® Medicine on WebMD Practice later this year. Scientific American Surgery is part of Healtheon/WebMD's recent acquisition of the professional publishing division assets of Scientific American, Inc., and it is the companion to Scientific American Medicine, which is also owned by Healtheon/WebMD. Both of these medical information systems will appear online exclusively at WebMD Practice.

Scientific American Surgery is the peer-reviewed and highly illustrated source of surgical information that is based on a unique system of decision-making algorithms and offering thousands of references hot-linked directly to MEDLINE®. Scientific American Surgery is written by more than 150 preeminent surgeons and edited by a team of expert surgeons, led by Editorial Chair Douglas W. Wilmore, MD, FACS, the Frank Sawyer Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

"This agreement is a great opportunity to provide residents and practicing surgeons with the reliable, up-to-date surgical information they have come to trust in a format that is continuously updated," Dr. Wilmore said. "By offering Scientific American Surgery on WebMD Practice, surgeons will be able to access comprehensive clinical information at the time they need it," he said.

Healtheon/WebMD will continue to publish both print and CD-ROM versions of Scientific American Surgery and to make them available to current subscribers. Physicians who subscribe to WebMD Practice will have unlimited access to Scientific American Surgery as well as to Scientific American Medicine and WebMD's other clinical information outlets on the Internet–including Medical Quick Facts, Patient Education, and the drug database, Clinical Pharmacology©.

Healtheon/WebMD plans to Web-enable Scientific American Surgery and preview it this week for attendees of the Clinical Congress. For further information regarding Scientific American Surgery and/or Healtheon/WebMD, visit booth 201 in the technical exhibit area of the convention center, or contact Jennifer Meyer at 212/593-4725, or via e-mail at jmeyer@webmd.net.

Out of Control video to be screened during Congress

"Substance abuse" and "surgeons" are words that not many people like to think about going together. But like any other segment of society, the surgical community is not immune to the problems of alcohol and drug addiction. *Out of Control*, the video on substance abuse that was produced under the auspices of the Board of Governors' Committee on Physicians' Health, will be shown at select times during this week's Clinical Congress.

The 60-minute video will be screened twice daily Monday, October 23, through Wednesday, October 25. The screenings will be from 10:00 to 11:00 am and from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in McCormick Place North, Level 4, Room N427a.

Members of the Committee on Physicians' Health will be on hand during the screenings to answer questions regarding the video, including: Brian G. Miscall, MD, FACS (Chair), Albuquerque, NM; David W. Easter, MD, FACS, San Diego, CA; J. Larry Lawson, MD, FACS, Paragould, AR; Ezra Steiger, MD, FACS, Cleveland, OH; and Stuart K. Todd, MD, FACS, Rocky Mount, NC.

The video was released in the spring of 1995 and is intended to help physicians, surgeons, and surgical residents understand what it means to be out of control with regard to alcohol and drug abuse, and to provide confidential resources to whom people in trouble can turn for help. The video features the real life, personal stories of three individuals who have dealt with the problem of substance abuse.

Initially, the video was sent to 6,200 medical directors of US hospitals; 882 medical directors of Canadian hospitals; 1,700 surgical program directors; 50 state physicians health committees; 69 chapters of the College (US and Canadian only); the surgical specialty societies; and several other groups allied to surgery. Subsequent requests for copies have brought the total distribution to more than 10,000.

The reaction to the video has been highly positive, with requests for additional copies or permission to duplicate the video being received from numerous state and private treatment programs, individual surgeons and physicians, state medical associations, medical staff administrators, and various individuals who indicated that they are using the video as part of their educational programs.

The Committee on Physicians' Health encourages all Fellows of the College and other surgeons to address the problem of impairment due to substance abuse and believes that *Out of Control* is an excellent vehicle for starting an educational program to achieve that goal. Congress attendees are encouraged to take advantage of the twice-daily screenings at McCormick Place.

For more information about *Out of Control* or a copy of the video, please contact Linn Meyer, Director, ACS Communications Department, in the Press Room at McCormick Place South, or via e-mail at lmeyer@facs.org.

Coming soon

The first National Trauma Data Bank Annual Report

Several years ago the College's Board of Regents approved the undertaking of a trauma registry program. One of the components of the program included the development of a national trauma repository, known as the National Trauma Data Bank™ (NTDB). The purpose of the NTDB is to collect trauma data from hospitals on a voluntary basis, make the data available for research, and ultimately to improve the care of the injured patient.

The NTDB began collecting data in 1997 and is now in a position to issue its first Annual Report. This report is being developed by the Committee on Trauma and has been made possible through a grant from the National Highway Transportation Safety Association.

Topics to be presented in the initial NTDB Annual Report include:

- A feature article entitled The Hidden Cost of Trauma.
- Analysis of the 1994-1999 NTDB data collected to date.
- Summary of the research uses of the NTDB data to date.

The initial Annual Report will be available in January 2001 and will be the first of many reports.

Information regarding the NTDB and the initial NTDB Annual Report is available at the NTDB exhibit booth, which is located in the ACS Resource Center, registration area, McCormick Place South. Information may also be obtained by contacting the NTDB office directly at 800/435-3590 or through the College's World Wide Web site at http://www.facs.org/about_college/acsdept/trauma_dept/ntdb.html.

Online CME demonstration available

A Web-based continuing medical education (CME)-1 program using articles from the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (*JACS*) as the learning tool may be viewed this week in the ACS Resource Center in McCormick Place South.

The demonstration is set up on two PCs located in the Resource Center. Participants take a mock CME test based on two articles from *JACS*, receive scoring results instantaneously, check their own answers, and read the critiques of the learning objectives. If approved, the full program will become available in the January 2001 online issue of *JACS*. The program will also be included in the printed version of *JACS*.

All active ACS members will receive the print version of *JACS* free of charge from January 2001 forward as a benefit of membership.

Programa Hispánico 2000 debuts on Thursday

This year's Clinical Congress will feature the debut of a new initiative, Programa Hispánico 2000, to be held on Thursday, October 26, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, in McCormick Place East, Room E450b. The program will offer presentations that are simultaneously translated in Spanish and English.

During the early planning for this year's Congress, the College received a suggestion that such a program be incorporated into the Clinical Congress, based on a highly successful program that has been conducted for several years by Shlomo Raz, MD, FACS (Los Angeles, CA) as a component of the annual meeting of the American Urological Association. On further consideration, including contact with Dr. Raz and communication with the Governors of the College for Latin American countries, the Program Committee of the College readily concurred that such a program would be highly desirable and that, should it meet with success, it could become an annual part of the Clinical Congress.

Responsibility for organization of the program was placed in the hands of Gerald O. Strauch, MD, FACS, Director of the College's Department of Surgical Education and Research. As word of this program has spread, there has been uniform enthusiasm for it.

In developing the sessions for the program, two prominent considerations were felt to be critical: (1) that the faculty for the session include as many surgeons with Hispanic backgrounds as possible, and (2) that the subjects of the sessions be concerned with topics that have current high profiles within the practice of surgery.

The program has been divided into three components for this year. The first, beginning at 8:00 am, will be a session focusing on advanced techniques in minimal access surgical procedures, to be moderated by Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS (Seattle, WA).

Between the first and second sessions, attendees will be welcomed by James C. Thompson, MD, FACS, President of the College, David L. Nahrwold, MD, FACS, a member of the Board of Regents and Chair of the Program Committee, and Keith A. Kelly, MD, FACS, Chair of the International Relations Committee.

The second session, entitled Hot Buttons in Surgery, will be devoted to six important topics in surgical science or of socioeconomic interest to surgeons. Dr. Nahrwold will moderate this session.

The program will conclude in the afternoon with trauma case presentations to be moderated by Erwin F. Hirsch, MD, FACS (Boston, MA).

Simultaneous translation of the program, in English and Spanish, will be accomplished by the use of headsets. A complete listing of program presentations may be found on page 50 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

CESTE program considers "fast-tracking" management

The ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) will sponsor a general session on Monday morning on Critical Pathways: Fast-Tracking Surgical Management. The session will take place from 9:30 am-12:00 noon in McCormick Place South, Room S102bcd.

Douglas W. Wilmore, MD, FACS, Boston, MA, will serve as moderator. Presentations will focus on the multimodality approaches that have been used by surgeons and anesthetists to reduce patient convalescence following major surgery. Minimally invasive procedures, selected anesthetic techniques, and the use of appropriate pharmaceutical agents have reduced postoperative morbidity and hospitalization. A systems approach to improve outcomes and patient safety will also be addressed.

A complete listing of the general session (GS05) may be found on page 27 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

Evidence-based surgery to be examined

What is evidence-based surgery and why should surgeons demand evidence to support their decisions?

The ACS Surgical Research and Education Committee will sponsor a general session Tuesday morning on Evidence-Based Surgery. The program will take place from 8:00-10:30 am in McCormick Place East, Room E352.

Robin S. McLeod, MD, FACS, Toronto, ON, will serve as moderator for the session. Panelists will discuss the use of clinical trials in surgery, outcomes research, and evidence-based practice guidelines, as well as how to optimize clinical care through the use of evidence.

A complete listing of the general session (GS16) may be found on page 33 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

Session seeks to identify the resident in trouble

The ACS Graduate Medical Education Committee is sponsoring a session on Monday afternoon on Recognizing and Helping the Resident in Trouble. The program will be held from 3:00-5:00 pm in McCormick Place East, Room E450a. Robert D. Fry, MD, FACS, Philadelphia, PA, will serve as moderator.

Recognizing that a resident is "in trouble" is itself a challenge. Helping this resident can be even more demanding of a surgical faculty. The program will focus on common problems encountered by residents during postgraduate training. Emphasis will be placed on early recognition and possible solutions for various psychosocial, financial, ethical, and legal problems.

A complete listing of the general session (GS13) may be found on page 31 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

Status of new surgical technology to be examined

On Monday afternoon, the ACS Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education (CESTE) will sponsor a general session to address New Technology: What's Proven, What's Not. The session will take place from 1:30-3:30 pm in McCormick Place East, Room E354a.

Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, FACS, Montreal, PQ, a Regent of the College, will serve as moderator. Panelists will discuss GERD and antireflux procedures, laparoscopy and staging of upper abdominal malignancies, transfusion trigger, immunonutrition--when and what, sentinel node biopsy and breast cancer, and video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS).

A complete listing of the general session (GS11) may be found on page 30 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.

Jim Henry offers College jewelry

In technical exhibit booth 163, many Congress participants will recognize a familiar exhibitor–Jim Henry, Inc. For over 40 years, Jim Henry has offered Fellows of the College an array of official ACS ties, jewelry, and other items from his family-run business.

Recent additions include ACS ties for men and women, blazer patches and buttons, special plaques and desk accessories, and a popular custom-designed ring with the ACS seal.

Initiates will be most interested in the new "Alpha Series" custom frames that display your personal picture, the ACS Fellowship Certificate, and ACS Pledge.

Jim Henry, Inc., is located at 435 37th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174; tel. 630/584-6500, fax 630/584-3036.

Allied Meetings

Sunday

Morning

American Red Cross
6:30 am - 7:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Waldorf Room, Floor Third

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, PDR 5, Floor Third

Association of Program Directors in Vascular Surgery
7:00 am - 4:00 pm. Meeting
Palmer House Hilton, Monroe Ballroom, Floor Sixth

Surgical Biology Club II
7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Lake Ontario, Floor Eight

American Red Cross
7:30 am - 10:30 am. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, International South, Floor Second

Plasma Protein Theraputics Association and the American Red Cross
7:30 am - 10:30 am. Meeting
Palmer House Hilton, Adams Ballroom, Floor Sixth

Association of Women Surgeons
8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, Continental B, Floor Lobby

Surgical Biology Club I
8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, Continental C, Floor Lobby

AstraZeneca
8:00 am - 10:00 am. Breakfast Meeting
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago E, Floor Fifth

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons - Recertification Committee
8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, 5H, Floor Five

Surgical Biology Club II
8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, Lake Michigan, Floor Eight

Surgical Biology Club III
8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor F, Floor Sixth

Scientific Frontiers for Searle
9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Breakfast Meeting
Palmer House Hilton, Grand Ballroom, Floor Fourth

Bristol-Myers Squibb
9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Meeting
McCormick Place South, S405ab, Floor Four

Society of Surgery of the Alimentary Tract
11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton Chicago, 5A, Floor Five

Afternoon

Surgical Biology Club II
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton Chicago, Lake Ontario, Floor Eight

Association of Women Surgeons
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Luncheon
Hilton Chicago, Joliet, Floor Third

Association of VA Surgeons, Executive Committee
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton Chicago, Lake Huron, Floor Eight

Surgical Biology Club III
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm. Luncheon
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor B, Floor Sixth

American Hernia Society
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, 5F, Floor Five

Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery Steering Committee
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, 4L, Floor Four

American Association for Thoracic Surgery (Graham Committee)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, PDR 3, Floor Third

Surgical Infection Society
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, 4M, Floor Four

Association of VA Surgeons
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Lake Huron, Floor Eight

Evening

American Society for Bariatric Surgery
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Dinner
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Illinois, Floor Sixth

Parkland Surgical Society, ACS North Texas Chapter, and Department of Surgery, UT Southwestern Medical Center
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Waldorf Room, Floor Third

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Marquette, Floor Third

Pediatric Surgery Biology Club
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception/Dinner
Hilton Chicago, PDR 2, Floor Third

University of Maryland Medical Alumni Association
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, PDR 3, Floor Third

Monday

Morning

Association for Surgical Education Foundation
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Boulevard C, Floor Second Floor

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Socioeconomics
7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, 5I, Floor Five

Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Adv. Surgical Techniques
7:30 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Williford A, Floor Third

Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery
8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Breakfast and Lunch
Hilton Chicago, 4L, Floor Four

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract
10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon
Hilton Chicago, PDR 7, Floor Third

University of Vermont
11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Symposium to discuss A Randomized Phase III Clinical Trial to Compare SN Resection to Conventional Axillary Dissection
Hilton Chicago, Continental B, Floor Lobby

Afternoon

Association of Academic Surgery
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, Williford B, Floor Third

Evening

Walter F. Pizzi Surgical Society
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, PDR 5, Floor Third

J. Bradley Aust Surgical Society
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Tremont Hotel, Hall of Fame Room, Floor Second

Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation/Fellows' Alumni Association
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, PDR 4, Floor Third

Guthrie Healthcare System/Robert Packer Hospital General Surgery Residency
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor A, Floor Sixth

Beaumont Surgical Alumni
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Great America, Floor Sixth

American Society of Breast Surgeons
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Meeting
McCormick Place North, N427a, Floor Level Four

Department of Surgery at the University of Florida, The University of South Florida and the University of Miami, the Florida Chapter, and the South Florida Chapter, ACS
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Continental A, Floor Lobby

The Brigham and Women's Hospital Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, International North, Floor Second

Yale Surgical Society, Yale University School of Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Boulevard B, Floor Second

Cornell University - New York Presbyterian
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Boulevard C, Floor Second

University of Wisconsin Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Mobley, Floor Lower Level

Kansas Chapter, ACS, and KU School of Medicine, Kansas City & Wichita Campuses
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, PDR 1, Floor Third

Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, International North, Floor Second

Hershey Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, PDR 2, Floor Third

Temple University Medical Alumni Association
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Lake Ontario, Floor Eight

University of Pittsburgh Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Lake Michigan, Floor Eight

TTUHSC Department of Surgery Alumni Organization
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Grand Traditions, Floor Lobby Level

St. Luke's - Roosevelt Hospital Center
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, PDR 7, Floor Third

UCLA School of Medicine Department of Surgery and the William P. Longmire Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago A, Floor Fifth

Wright State University Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Lincolnshire, Floor Sixth

University of Pennsylvania Medical Alumni
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Regent, Meeting Room

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Surgical Society
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception/Dinner
Fairmont Hotel, Chancellor, Meeting Room

University of Alabama Medical Alumni
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor F, Floor Sixth

University of Tennessee Medical Center/Knoxville
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor C, Floor Sixth

University of Tennessee, Memphis, Chattanooga and East Tennessee
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Lake Erie, Floor Eight

Arkansas Chapter, ACS
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Indiana/Iowa, Floor Sixth

Kern Medical Center Surgery Faculty & Alumni
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, 5J, Floor Five

SUNY-HSCB Department of Surgery/Alumni Association/Clarence Dennis Society
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Palmer House Hilton, Crystal, Floor Third

UMKC Department of Surgery
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, 5F, Floor Five

John E. Connolly/UCI Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, 5G, Floor Five

Emory University Department of Surgery
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Marquette

University of Hawaii Surgical Residency Program
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Waldorf Room, Floor Third

Johns Hopkins University Department of Surgery
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Boulevard A, Floor Second

UTMB - Singleton Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Astoria Room, Floor Third

University of Texas-Houston Medical School - MD Anderson Cancer Center Departments of Surgery
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Lake Huron, Floor Eight

Creighton University
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, 4M, Floor Four

Warren H. Cole Society, University of Illinois College of Medicine
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception/Dinner
Spaggia Restaurant, TBD, Floor Lobby

MCP Hahnemann University
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, PDR 3, Floor Third

Albert Einstein College of Medicine - Montefiore Medical Center
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor B, Floor Sixth

Camishion Surgical Society
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor E, Floor Sixth

Saint Louis University Medical Alumni Association
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception
Chicago Marriott Downtown, Miami/Los Angeles, Floor Fifth

Illinois Chapter, ACS
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception
Palmer House Hilton, Parlor G, Floor Sixth

Missouri Surgical Society and University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Surgery
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Reception/Dinner
Hilton Chicago, Williford C, Floor Third

Surgical Section of the National Medical Association
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception
Hilton Chicago, Normandie Lounge, Floor Second

Tuesday

Morning

ISDS (Formerly CICD)
6:30 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Boulevard B, Floor Second

Indiana Chapter, ACS
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Williford A, Floor Third

Surgical Journal Editors
7:00 am - 9:00 am. Meeting
Univ. of Chicago Gleacher Center, 600, Floor Six

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract
7:30 am - 3:00 pm. Breakfast
Hilton Chicago, Williford B, Floor Third

Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery Steering Committee
8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Breakfast and Lunch
Hilton Chicago, 4L, Floor Four

American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons - Recertification Committee
8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Meeting
Hilton Chicago, 5D, Floor Five

Ohio Chapter, ACS
11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Luncheon
McCormick Place North, N230a, Floor Second

All Surgical Residents and Young Surgeons Invited to Attend Sunday Second Annual Candidate and Associate Society Program and Reception

Program

Congress attendees are cordially invited to attend the second annual Candidate and Associate Society, American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS) program at the Hilton Chicago and Towers (720 S. Michigan Avenue), Sunday, October 22, from 1:00-2:30 pm in the International South Ballroom. The panel discussion, Health Care Evolution: What's After Managed Care?, will feature experts in the field of health care and will be moderated by Josef Fischer, MD, FACS, a former First Vice-President of the College. The CAS Council of Representatives meeting will take place from 2:30 - 5:00 pm.

Reception

A reception for CAS members and all surgical residents and young surgeons will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Chicago and Towers Hotel.

2001 Residents Trauma Papers Competition

Papers are now being accepted by the ACS Committee on Trauma, state and provincial chairs, for the 2001 Residents Trauma Papers Competition, which will be held March 8-10, 2001, during the committee's annual meeting at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel, Tampa, FL.

The Residents Trauma Papers Competition is open to surgical residents and trauma fellows in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. The papers should describe original research in the area of trauma care and/or prevention categorized in either: (1) basic laboratory research, or ((2) clinical investigation. Papers should be sent to the appropriate ACS state/provincial chair. If the chair is unknown, you may contact the ACS Trauma Department for that information.

Prize money will be awarded through the generosity of General Motors Research and Development, which has provided the ACS with a grant to promote trauma research. The papers competition is also funded by the Eastern and Western States and Region VII Committees on Trauma.

Deadline for submission of papers to the state/provincial chair is November 15, 2000. Further information can be obtained on the ACS Web site at: http://www.facs.org/about_college/acs-dept/trauma_dept/papers2.html, or by contacting the ACS Trauma Department, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211, tel. 312/ 202-5380.

Career opportunity and resume data bank continues to expand

The College's Career Opportunity and Resume Data Bank is nearly a year old and has been a rousing success to date. Currently, 320 resumes and 310 job opportunities are listed, with applicants and opportunities representing all of the surgical specialties. The data bank is one of the most popular features on the ACS Web site, receiving "visits" from more than 60 members each day, nearly 2,000 each month.

A demonstration of the Career Opportunity and Resume Data Bank will be available this week in the ACS Resource Center, located in the general information area of McCormick Place South.

Recruitment of a new associate can be a very expensive process for a practicing surgeon or surgical group. Likewise, learning about job opportunities and applying for and selecting the right position can be quite expensive for those seeking a new job. The Career Opportunity and Resume Data Bank is a user-friendly and quick means of searching for both positions and candidates for positions, and allows for personal information to be included that will give the potential partners information about one another before actually making contact. And it is cost-free to all members of the College–Fellows, Associate Fellows, and Candidates.

Attendees are encouraged to stop by the ACS Resource Center and view first-hand this exciting online resource. The data bank can be accessed at http://web.facs.org/jobs/toc.htm. Your membership ID number is all you need to begin using this valuable resource to enter a resume or an available position, or to search the database.

College hosts minority high school students

Currently, only four to five percent of African-American and Hispanic physicians graduate from residencies in the surgical professions. To begin to address this problem, the Graduate Medical Education Committee has begun a "Student Mentoring Project" to identify and recruit African-American and Hispanic students into the medical profession and eventually into surgery. The aim of this exciting new program is to provide information to high school students, their families, and their counselors about college and medical school requirements.

As a first step, 150 African-American and Hispanic 10th grade students from Chicago Public Schools have been invited to attend the Clinical Congress for "A Day at the American College of Surgeons" on Wednesday, October 25. This program is a rare opportunity for these young people to meet and interact with surgeons from all over the world. Surgeons have been recruited to be mentors for these students and will spend the day with them, touring the scientific session and attending the exhibit hall. Look for them, and greet them warmly!

At the end of the day, the high school students will meet a group of the senior medical students who are attending the Clinical Congress. They will learn from these medical students why they made their career choices. We also hope that the surgeons who meet these students and spend the day with them will be able to establish a relationship that will be maintained into the future.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Donna Coulombe, ACS Surgical Education and Research Department, telephone 312/202-5488, or e-mail dcoulombe@facs.org.

New slide sets available

The Advisory Council for General Surgery, with the assistance of Jeffrey H. Peters, MD, FACS, is pleased to announce two new slide sets on gastroesophageal reflux disease. These new slide sets are up–to–date, with numerous citations to the scientific literature and excellent graphic displays. Both sets are available as 35 mm slides or on a CD-ROM for use as a PowerPoint presentation.

All slide kit presentations sponsored by the Advisory Council for General Surgery contain text (talking points for each slide), the actual slides or CD-ROM, and hard copies of the slides. The slide presentations are available for viewing next to the Publications Booth, McCormick Place South, Level 3, Hall A1, throughout the Clinical Congress, and a limited supply will be available for purchase at the booth.

There are currently six slide kits available for sale (three presentations are also available as a CD-ROM):

1. Breast Disease Curriculum, 41 slides (for presentation to a general physician audience)	**Slides**	**$25.00**
2. Breast Disease for Lay Audiences, 44 slides	**Slides**	**$30.00**
3. Acute Abdomen Curriculum, 40 slides	**Slides**	**$35.00**
	CD-Rom	**$35.00**
4. Common Anorectal Disorders, 56 slides	**Slides**	**$35.00**
5. Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, 50 slides (a presentation for general audiences)	**Slides**	**$35.00**
	CD-Rom	**$35.00**
6. Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, 68 slides (a presentation for surgical audiences)	**Slides**	**$40.00**
	CD Rom	**$40.00**

Slide kits may also be ordered via the College Web site at http://www.facs.org/commerce/current.html, or orders may be placed via fax or phone to the ACS Customer Service Department at fax 312/202-5001 or tel. 312/202-5354.

Social Program note

New this year: The Social Program tour buses will depart from and return to the Hotel Inter-Continental on Michigan Avenue.

Congress Notes

Program participants may review slides and films

Beginning on Sunday at 8:00 am, participants may review their slides and films in the Speaker Ready Room, South Hall, McCormick Place.

Ticket holders

Postgraduate course tickets are sized to fit into the Congress badge holders. You can keep track of each ticket by sliding it into the holder behind your badge and revealing it at the door as you enter the course room.

Portraits

Arrangements have been made with Oscar & Associates to photograph Initiates and Fellows of the College who desire to have full color or black-and-white portraits taken in Fellowship robes. A photographer will be available in the South Hall of McCormick Place during the following times: Sunday from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm, Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm, and Thursday from 7:30 am until 7:00 pm.

It is suggested that you arrange for your sitting as early in the week as possible. Oscar & Associates will have an assortment of official Fellowship caps and gowns available for your use. There is no charge for the sitting itself. Proofs will be viewed in full color, from which you may order either color or black-and-white finished photographs. A schedule of rates is available at the studio and appointment desk.

Initiates and Fellows who elect to be photographed will see their "proofs" via video screen immediately after their sitting. Although the photography is done by conventional process, an Eastman Kodak electronic previewing system will be used, which allows for simultaneous recording on film and video. This system allows the subject to select favorite views prior to leaving the studio area.

Exhibit rules

More than 150 scientific and approximately 300 technical exhibits will be on display in McCormick Place. Hours are: 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, and 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Thursday. Scientific and technical exhibits are located in the South Hall.

Individuals ages 16 or older who are accompanying surgeons are welcome to tour the exhibit areas. They must register and pay $50 at the Social Program registration area in McCormick Place, South Hall. Children under the age of 16 will not be admitted to the exhibit areas.

Medical students, nurses, and allied health personnel may tour the exhibit areas without charge, provided they are registered and have a name badge.

Spouses who register for the Social Program may use the badge they receive to enter the exhibit areas. All other individuals registered for the Clinical Congress may gain admittance by showing their official badge.

Message and Information Center

The Message and Information Center, located in the South Hall of the convention center, can provide you with messages, information about the programs and related activities, and the names of individuals who are registered and their hotels.

Once again, we will offer the MSv2 video-computer Internet messaging system. The ACS Electronic Message System will utilize advanced network technology to connect video message kiosks that are located in prominent areas of McCormick Place. Any person who has access to the Internet may leave a message using the show messaging address:

clinicalcongress2000.postmessage.com.

Simply search the list of attendees, then post a message in their mailbox. Within minutes, the name will appear on the video-paging monitors along with the message posted on site. The attendee sees his or her name and retrieves the message from their mailbox to read, print, or reply. Also, look for conference and exhibitor updates on the information kiosks located throughout McCormick Place South.

The message center will be staffed Sunday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm, and Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 am-5:00 pm, and Thursday, 7:30 am-5:00 pm. The video paging systems are operational 24 hours a day. You may also use your laptop PC and the Internet address at anytime to post and/or receive messages.

Surgical Forum

The complete papers for most of the 318 titles presented in this year's Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems are published in the Owen H. Wangensteen Surgical Forum, Volume LI, which is on sale during and after the Congress for $30 per copy as a book or CD. Both versions may be purchased for $50 per set. Volumes and CDs are available in McCormick Place, South Hall.

Audiotapes

Selected postgraduate courses, general sessions, multidisciplinary programs, specialty sessions, and named lectures will be recorded live and available on audiotapes. Additional information and order forms are available during the Clinical Congress at the National Audio Video booth in McCormick Place, South Hall.

Lost and found

Lost and found areas will be located in the ACS Convention and Exhibit Office at McCormick Place, South Hall, and in the Convention Office at the Hilton Chicago and Towers, 4D.

Caps and gowns

Distribution of caps and gowns will be on Thursday, October 26, from 1:30 pm until the Convocation ceremony begins, at the Hilton Chicago and Towers, Grand Ballroom. Caps and gowns may be turned in on Thursday at the same location following the conclusion of Convocation.

Friends of Bill W

Friends of Bill W will meet Sunday through Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm, at the Hilton Chicago and Towers, 5H.

Science and Humanism

Seminar to explore disease and creativity

On Monday at 3:30 pm, C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, will lead three panelists in a discussion of disease and creativity at this year's Science and Humanism Seminar. The seminar will be held in Room S102bcd of McCormick Place South.

The panel will explore the role of illness in the creative processes of many celebrated artists, musicians, authors, and biologic scientists. Three distinguished physicians will address the negative and positive influences of disease on creative output.

Philip Sandblom, MD, FACS (Hon), will discuss How Illness Affects Literature, Art, and Music. His classic, multi-edition monograph on disease and creativity is justly renowned. M. Therese Southgate, MD, will speak on Eccentric Artists and Their Work. Her essays elucidating the cover art of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* are widely appreciated.

Former director of the National Institute of Mental Health, Frederick Goodwin, MD, will address Creativity and Manic-Depressive Illness, a subject in which he is broadly grounded as co-author of the definitive text on manic-depressive illness.

These annual seminars began in 1981 with support from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation as small, closed sessions limited to surgical educators. In 1987, the ACS Board of Regents authorized substantially larger public programs at the Clinical Congress to emphasize the role of the humanities in surgical education.

Visit the new Resource Center

Congress attendees are encouraged to visit the newly redesigned ACS Resource Center in the registration area of McCormick Place South. The exhibit provides information on:

Advanced Trauma Life Support Course®
American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG)
Candidate and Associate Society, American College of Surgeons
Commission on Cancer
Committee on Trauma
Communications activities
Health Policy and Advocacy
Journal of the American College of Surgeons
National TRACS®
National Trauma Data Bank™
Philanthropy
Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP)

The ACS Resource Center is open Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Wednesday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm.

JACS to be additional benefit of Fellowship

In 1905, when the first issue of *Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics* was published, it contained 112 pages of copy, had a circulation of approximately 600, and carried a subscription price of $5 per year.

In January 2001, 96 years later, the official scientific publication of the College is called the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (*JACS*). It will boast about 120 pages of copy, will have a circulation of more than 50,000, and will be free to all Fellows.

Congress attendees are encouraged to stop by booth 256 in the technical exhibit area to preview the proposed changes in the 2001 edition of *JACS*.